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SUBJ: INTELSAT CONSIDERATION OF SHUTTLE AND ARIANE LAUNCH VEHICLES

DEPT PASS NASA

REF: STATE 006031

1. ECONOFF PRESENTED AIDE-MEMOIRE BASED ON REF TO ARTHUR ITUASSU, ACTING SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, ON JAN 18. (COPY ALSO LEFT WITH FONMIN U.S. DESK.) ITUASSU EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON NASA SHUTTLE PROGRAM AND SAID THAT BOTH THE MINISTRY AND "EMBRATEL" IN GOB-CONTROLLED TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTERPRISE WHICH REPRESENTS BRAZIL ON INTELSAT BOARD OF GOVERNORS, HAVE BEEN STUDYING THE ISSUE AND HAVE ALREADY DRAWN UP SEVERAL PAPERS ON THE ATTRIBUTES AND ADVANTAGES OF BOTH THE SHUTTLE AND ARIANE.

2. ITUASSU EXPLAINED THAT THE MINISTRY GENERALLY GIVES EMBRATEL AMPLE DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY IN FORMULATING GOB POSITIONS ON ISSUES PRESENTED BEFORE THE INTELSAT BOARD. IN THIS CASE,  
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THE MINISTRY WILL SUBMIT ITS "SUGGESTIONS" TO EMBRATEL IN THE FORM OF A PAPER TO BE PREPARED BY ITUASSU FOR APPROVAL BY THE MINISTRY'S SECRETARY-GENERAL, AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO EMBRATEL WITH A COPY OF OUR AIDE-MEMOIRE. THE FINAL DECISION, HOWEVER, RESTS WITH EMBRATEL. WHILE MAKING NO OFFICIAL COMMENT ON EITHER THE SHUTTLE OR ARIANE, ITUASSU INDICATED TO ECONOFF THAT BOTH THE MINISTRY AND EMBRATEL TEND TO FAVOR SELECTION OF

THE SHUTTLE CRAFT FOR THE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL REASONS  
CITED IN THE AIDE-MEMOIRE.

3. COMMENT: ITUASSU VOLUNTEERED TO ECONOFF THAT HE WAS UNAWARE  
OF ANY SIMILAR EFFORT BY THE FRENCH TO OBTAIN GOB SUPPORT FOR  
THE ARIANE IN INTELSAT, BUT OPINED THAT HE EXPECTED ONE SINCE  
THE GOB SPACE AGENCY (COBAE) SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ESA  
LAST YEAR WHICH INVOLVES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, BRAZILIAN  
PARTICIPATION IN THE ARIANE PROJECT.

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